(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government for the construction of broad-gauge line from Jogighopa to Guwahati?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHRIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The work is in progress. Jogighopa-Goalpara (15 kms.) is scheduled for completion in 1995-96 and Goalpara-Guwahati (128 kms.) in 1996-97.

**Late running of trains from Guwahati**

4796. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all long distance trains from Guwahati run usually late; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to prevent this practice?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHRIEF): (a) No, Sir. However, some trains do run late.

(b) All possible efforts including intensive chasing and close monitoring have been/are being taken to eliminate all detentions within the control of the Railways.

LENGTH OF RAILWAY LINES

4797. SHRI S. R. BOMMAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present length of railway line (State-wise) both metre gauge and broad gauge;

(b) what was the targeted conversion of lines from metre gauge to broad gauge during the Seventh Plan and what is the achievement (State-wise);

(c) what is the proposed target for conversion of metre gauge to broad gauge during the Eighth Plan (State-wise);

(d) what is the criteria fixed for laying a new railway line and for conversion from metre gauge to broad gauge line in a State; and

(e) What are the reasons for discrimination, if any, in laying a new railway line or for conversion from metre gauge to broad gauge in under-developed States?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF)

(a) The length of Railway line (State-wise) as on 21-3-93 is as under :—

| Sl. No. | Name of State | B.G. (kms.) | M.G. (kms.) | N.G. (kms.) | Total (kms.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 3607.58 | 1410.59 | 36.94 | 5055.11 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | — | 1.26 | — | 1.26 |
| 3. | Assam | 266.41 | 2200.42 | — | 2466.83 |
| 4. | Bihar | 3565.65 | 1681.58 | 69.15 | 5316.38 |
| 5. | Goa | — | 79.06 | — | 79.06 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 1754.95 | 2651.68 | 874.43 | 5281.06 |
| 7. | Haryana | 882.33 | 612.81 | 3.38 | 1498.52 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 22.20 | — | 244.25 | 266.45 |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir | 68.29 | — | — | 88.29 |
| 10. | Karnataka | 903.65 | 2036.79 | 148.48 | 3088.90 |